## NATIONAL ARMORIES.

## LETTER

FROM

## THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

A statement of the expenses of the national armories.

FEBRUARY 14, 1856.—Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

War Department, Washington, February 4, 1856.

SIR: Pursuant to an act approved April 2, 1794, I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a statement of the expenses of the national armories, and of the arms and appendages made thereat, during the year which ended June 30, 1855.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JEFF'N DAVIS, Secretary of War.

Hon. N. P. Banks, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Statement of the expenditures at the national armories, and of the number of arms and appendages made thereat, during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1855.

	Expenditures.					Number of arms and appendages made.												
Armories.	From the appropriation for repairs and improvements, and new ma- chinery.	From the appropriation for the manufacture of arms.	From the appropriation for ordnance and ordnance stores.	From the appropriation for arming and equipping the militia.	Total expenditures.	Muskets.	Rifles.	Musketoons.	Rifled carbines.	Other rifled and experimental arms.	Sword bayonets.	Ball screws.	Wipers.	Screw drivers.	Spring vices.	Extra cones.	Bullet moulds.	Arm chests.
Springfield					\$150,627 99	8,624		580	300	32		7,024	27,171	4,156	1,757	5,896		
Harper's Ferry	37, 292 67 70, 655 50		19,009 05		179, 270 65 329, 898 64	7,700	2,339	580	300	88	3,325	1,384 	14,968 42,139	8,926	3, 250 5, 007	4,412	305	395

Note.—The fabrication of small arms of the old model was gradually diminished in the early part of the year, and finally brought to a close after using such stock of materials as had been provided and prepared for them, and were not applicable to the new model. A considerable portion of the above amount was expended in getting up the new model arms.

H. K. CRAIG, Colonel of Ordnance.